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Book Coming Out Despite CIA

A Yale student's book linking the Central Intelligence Agency to Southeast Asian heroin traffic will be published this month despite the CIA's objections to it.

Harper & Row will publish "The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia" by Alfred W. McCoy, a Yale graduate student, on Aug. 17, according to the author.

The book charges that the CIA was aware of, and at times a participant in, heroin business conducted by government officials in Laos, South Vietnam and Thailand.

The CIA asked to review the book prior to publication, saying that it could disprove a number of McCoy's claims. The publishing company told McCoy it would not print the book if he refused this review.

The CIA sent Harper & Row a letter listing its objections Thursday, but McCoy said most of them were simply "flat denials."

McCoy said this morning he felt the agency was trying to squash the book but that extensive coverage of the CIA review in the news media caused it to pull back.

McCoy said many of his charges — substantiated in the book — were supported by news stories as well following the CIA request to review the book.